

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1993 - SB 2343

February 24, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires a local education agency (LEA) to identify each school that has the appropriate capacities and space available to enroll additional students before the start of each school year. Requires an LEA to post the number of spaces available for enrollment in each school by grade, class, and program level on the LEA's website at least 14 days prior to the beginning of the open enrollment period. Requires an LEA to conduct an open enrollment period of at least 30 days. Outlines various requirements for LEAs regarding transfer students.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015115): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the original bill such that the only substantive changes are to: 1) authorize an LEA to reserve a reasonable number of enrollment spaces each year for students who may relocate to the school zone under certain conditions; and 2) authorize an LEA to enroll a nonresident student before all applications for transfer have been acted upon.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 49-2-128, LEAs are required to provide for an open enrollment period during which parents or guardians may choose from a list of the LEA schools with available space and submit an application for transfer. If the transfer is granted, parents or guardians are responsible for transportation to the new school.
- Changes outlined in the proposed legislation will not significantly impact programs or procedures of LEAs. LEAs will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources.
- No impact to the Basic Education Program.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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